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Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0001] (Cross-Reference to Related Applications) on page 1 with the following:

- This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/237,580, filed January 25,71999. This application further claims the benefit of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/531,442, entitled "VCSEL Power Monitoring System Using Plastic Encapsulation Techniques" (attorney docket 37344/SAH/C715), filed March 20, 2000, now US Patent No. ... 6,562,435, and U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/125,916, filed March 24, 1999. The contents of all of the preceding applications are hereby incorporated by reference.